



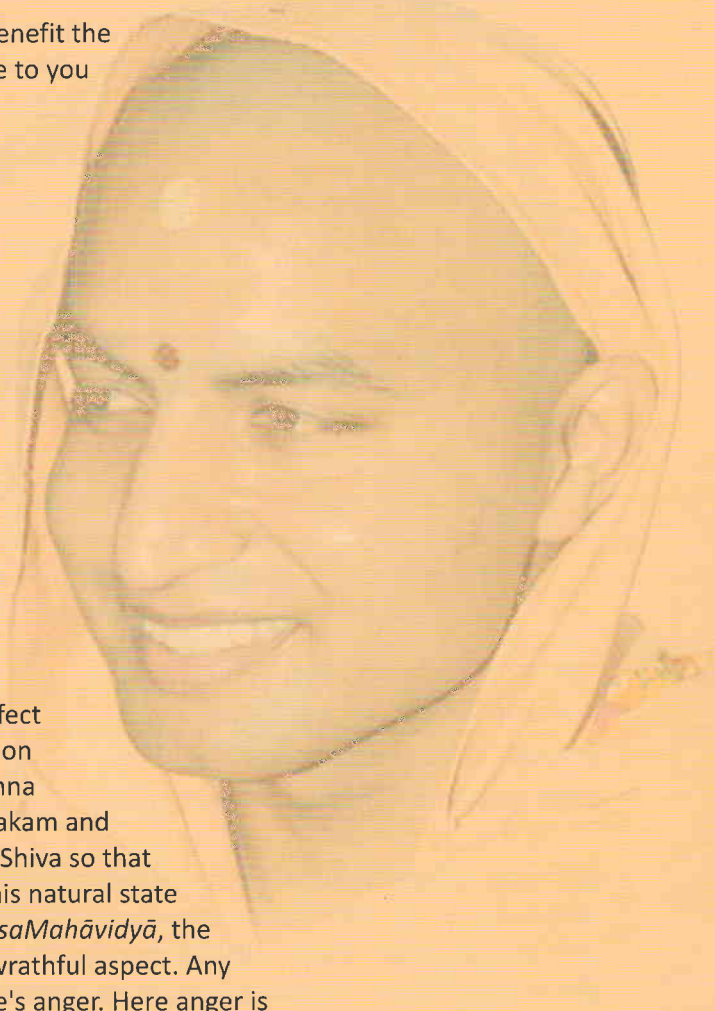
With His divine grace, may your Maha Rudrayajna benefit the humanity. It is with much warmth in my heart I write to you with blessings of the greatest siddhas so that your Maha Rudrayajna should successfully come to conclusion. Often people get so busy in living that they forget the source of life altogether. But no matter how much you care for each leaf, if the root of the tree is unnourished, it perishes one day soon.

The deeper the roots, the stronger the tree. Vedas are the roots of our religion, of virtuous living, of righteous conduct. The divine sounds of Vedic chants nurture and nourish the tree of life, of wisdom and virtues. Just like music is known to change listeners' moods, just like soothing music can help flora and fauna flourish, Vedic chants represent some of the purest sounds in our Universe.

They strike a chord of human soul and existence. Vedic chants have a deeply purifying and calming effect on the mind. This has been my personal experience on countless occasions. ŚrīRudram, sprouted from Krishna Yajurveda, is no ordinary prayer. Comprised of Namakam and Chamakam, the eulogy is designed to appease Lord Shiva so that he may relinquish his terrifying form and return to his natural state of peace and bliss. It is no coincidence that even *DasaMahāvidyā*, the ten aspects of Cosmic Mother, starts with Kālī, the wrathful aspect. Any true *sādhana* begins with complete control over one's anger. Here anger is not just a term used to indicate getting mad or shouting, it is agitation of the mind. When the mind is agitated, it is restless, no self-inquiry is possible. An agitated mind is polluted by default.

ŚrīRudram, when done with utmost devotion, helps one understand one's true nature so one may progress on the spiritual path. Once the internal Shiva is calm and pacified, the whole creation gains from it. Just like an ocean is made up of drops, each entity -- living and non-living -- makes a contribution in the operation and sustenance of His creation. Full of complete range of phonetics, intelligently placed, chanting verses in ŚrīRudram channelize the ten energies in human body and they promote harmony in the environment.

This is just from doing ŚrīRudram correctly, what immense benefit may Maha Rudra bring is beyond words. This is a truly noble effort. From the core my heart, I pray to Lord to accept your worship, devotion and prayers. I would encourage you all to be as meticulous as possible regarding the pronunciation of ŚrīRudram.



Yours

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An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it."

